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THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE CITIZEN JULY 25:

BEGIN TEXT: DIPLOMATIC DUPLICITY

AS WE FEARED IT MIGHT, THE WEST HAS DOUBLE- CROSSED SOUTH
AFRICA OVER WALVIS BAY.

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IT PROMISED TO LEAVE WALVIS OUT OF ANY SETTLEMENT.
WITH THAT ASSURANCE, SOUTH AFRICA ACCEPTED THE WESTERN
PLAN.

THE, TO OBTAIN SWAPO'S ACCEPTANCE, THE WEST SECRETLY
PROMISED TO SUPPORT A RESOLUTION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL

BACKING THE INCORPORATION OF WALVIS IN THE NEW NAMIBIA.

THE RESULT: A CRISIS.

IF THE WEST GOES AHEAD WITH ITS SUPPORT OF THE
RESOLUTION ON WALVIS, THEN IT HAS RENEGED ON ITS ASSURANCES
TO SOUTH AFRICA.

SOUTH AFRICA THEN HAS TO DECIDE WHETHER TO GO AHEAD
WITH ITS ACCEPTANCE OF THE WESTERN PLAN OR PULL OUT.

OR IT CAN CONTINUE WITH THE WESTERN PLAN WHILE
REJECTING THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON WALVIS, IN
WHICH CASE IT MIGHT AGAIN FACE THE THREAT OF SANCTIONS.

THERE IS STILL A CHANCE THAT THE WEST, EVEN AT THE LAST
MINUTE, WILL PULL BACK FROM ANY CONFRONTATION.

THAT IT WILL EITHER VETO THE RESOLUTION ON WALVIS OR
WATER IT DOWN SO THAT IT LEAVES THE PORT A SUBJECT FOR
NEGOTIATION BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF AN
INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA.

HOWEVER, KNOWING THE WEST AS WE DO, WE ARE PREPARED
TO BET THAT IT WILL NOT DO A THING TO SATISFY SOUTH AFRICA'S
VALID OBJECTIONS TO THE RESOLUTION.

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AND WHAT A RESOLUTION *

IT DECLARES THAT THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF NAMIBIA
MUST BE ASSURED THROUGH THE REINTEGRATION OF WALVIS BAY
WITHIN ITS TERRITORY.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS TO LEND ITS FULL SUPPORT TO
THE INITIATION OF STEPS NECESSARY TO ENSURE EARLY INTEGRATION
OF WALVIS BAY INTO NAMIBIA.

FURTHERMORE, PENDING THE ATTAINMENT OF THIS
OBJECTIVE, SOUTH AFRICA MUST NOT USE WALVIS BAY IN ANY
MANNER PREJUDICIAL TO THE INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA OR THE
VIABILITY OF ITS ECONOMY.

ATTENTION

FINALLY, THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL REMAIN "SEIZED OF
THE MATTER" - IN OTHER WORDS, WILL GIVE ONGOING ATTENTION
TO IT - UNTIL WALVIS IS FULLY INTEGRATED INTO NAMIBIA.

NATURALLY, SOUTH AFRICA CANNOT ACCEPT THIS DICTATE.

IT MEANS THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S SOVEREIGNTY OVER WALVIS IS
NO LONGER RECOGNISED.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL BE DEMANDING THE ALMOST
IMMEDIATE INCORPORATION OF WALVIS INTO AN INDEPENDENT
NAMIBIA.

MORE THAT THAT, WITH WALVIS THE SUBJECT OF A RESOLUTION
OF THIS NATURE, THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL BECOME DIRECTLY
INVOLVED IN THE MATTER.

IF SOUTH AFRICA REFUSES TO ABIDE BY THE RESOLUTION,
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IT CAN BE SUBJECTED TO ANY SANCTIONS THE COUNCIL WISHES
TO APPLY.

NO WONDER THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT IS SO ANGRY.

IT THOUGHT IT WAS DEALING WITH COUNTRIES WHICH WOULD
KEEP THEIR WORD.

THAT WHEN THEY PROMISED WALVIS WOULD NOT BE PART OF
ANY SETTLEMENT, THEY MEANT IT.

ALAS, WE HAVEN'T LEARNT TO APPRECIATE THAT IN THIS
CUT-THROAT GAME OF INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY (OR DUPLICITY) YOU
CAN RELY ON NO ONE.

CERTAINLY NOT A GROUP IN WHICH THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION
HAS THE DOMINANT SAY.

CERTAINLY NOT ON A GROUP IN WHICH MR. ANDY YOUNG, THE
U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UN, IS A GUIDING FORCE.

CERTAINLY NOT ON A GROUP IN WHICH THE DOUBLE-CROSS,
INSTEAD OF FAIR DEALING, IS THE WATCHWORD.

WHAT TO DO NOW IS GOING TO TAX THE NERVES OF THE
GOVERNMENT, SINCE A WRONG STEP CAN HAVE THE MOST SERIOUS
REPERCUSSIONS.

LOOKING AT IT DISPASSIONATELY, WE CAN ASSUME THAT
THROUGH SOUTH AFRICA CRIES TO HIGH HEAVEN ABOUT BEING
BETRAYED BY THE WEST, THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED WILL NOT
WITHDRAW THEIR SUPPORT OF THE WALVIS RESOLUTION.

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NO WITHDRAWAL

AT THIS LATE STAGE, HOWEVER, SOUTH AFRICA CANNOT
WITHDRAW FROM THE WESTERN INITIATIVE.

FOR INDEPENDENCE MUST COME TO SOUTH WEST AFRICA AND IT
MUST COME PREFERABLY THROUGH A PLAN WHICH WILL BE INTER-
NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED.

WE AGREED TO THAT PLAN.

WE SHALL HAVE TO STICK BY IT DESPITE THE WESTERN
BETRAYAL.
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THE RESOLUTION ON WALVIS BAY IS QUITE ANOTHER MATTER.

WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT IT, BECAUSE WALVIS BAY
WAS NEVER PART OF ANY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

WHATEVER IT SAYS, THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL HAS NO
STANDING IN WALVIS BAY.

IT CANNOT TAKE IT OVER, SINCE THERE IS NO PRECEDENT
FOR SUCH ACTION.

WALVIS WILL STILL BE IN SOUTH AFRICAN HANDS AND WILL HAVE
TO BE THE SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATION BEFORE IT CAN BE INCORPORATED.

IT BELONGS TO SOUTH AFRICA - AND CANNOT BE TAKEN FROM
SOUTH AFRICA WITHOUT THE REPUBLIC'S CONSENT.

NEGOTIATE

ONCE NAMIBIA IS INDEPENDENT, SOUTH AFRICA CAN NEGOTIATE
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NEW STATE.

PUT SIMPLY, WE NEED NOT GO IT ALONE IN BRINGING SOUTH
WEST AFRICA TO INDEPENDENCE, BUT WE CAN, AND MUST, GO IT
ALONE OVER THE QUESTION OF WALVIS BAY.

HOWEVER, MR. ANDY YOUNG AND HIS FELLOW SCHEMERS SHOULD
NOT BE UNDER ANY ILLUSION ABOUT THE EFFECT OF THE WEST'S
DUPLICITY.

SOUTH AFRICA HAS BEEN LET DOWN BOTH IN ANGOLA AND IN
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SOUTH WEST AFRICA.

THE WHITES OF RHODESIA HAVE BEEN LET DOWN BECAUSE THEY
ACCEPTED BLACK MAJORITY RULE, BUT THIS STILL DOES NOT
SATISFY MR. YOUNG AND THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, DR.
OWEN.

IF SOUTH AFRICA NOW DIGS IN ITS HEELS IN ANY FUTURE
DEALINGS WITH THE WEST, THE WEST SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISED.

WE ARE AN HONEST AND HONOURABLE NATION.

WE EXPECT TO BE TREATED HONESTLY - AND HONOURABLY.

SINCE WE ARE NOT TREATED IN THIS MANNER, WE SHALL HAVE
TO PLACE OUR TRUST IN OURSELVES.

WE DEFINITELY CANNOT TRUST THE WEST. END TEXT
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